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SUBJECT:DPC MINISTERIAL DECISIONS ON US INITIATIVES

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1. APPRECIATE MISSION SUGGESTIONS ON SPECIFICS OF TEXT AND
SCENARIO FOR RECORD OF MINISTERIAL DECISIONS REGARDING US
INITIATIVES AT DPC MINISTERIAL.

2. A MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY BROWN TO MODS IS BEING PRE-
PARED DESCRIBING THE INITIATIVES WHICH HE WILL PRESENT AT
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DPC MINISTERIAL. CURRENT PLAN IS TO FORESHADOW, BUT NOT
SPELL OUT COMPLETELY, LANGUAGE WHICH WE HOPE LUNS WILL USE
IN DPC MINISTERIAL IN SUMMING UP MINISTERIAL CONSENSUS
AFTER MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION OF US DEFENSE INITIATIVES.
DRAFT TEXT OF DESIRED SUMMATION WILL BE DISCUSSED WITH
MISSION DURING PREMEETING PRELIMINARIES, THEN FURNISHED TO
IS FOR POSSIBLE USE BY LUNS.

3. WE SEE PROBLEM OF RECORD OF TEXT OF MINISTERIAL DECISIONS TAKEN AT DPC AS SOMEWHAT OF A SEPARATE MATTER, SINCE RECORD OF DECISIONS GENERALLY FOLLOWS THE MEETING BY AT LEAST SEVERAL DAYS. WE WOULD LOOK TO MISSION TO WORK WITH IS TOWARD A SATISFACTORY FORMULATION, TAKING

ACCOUNT OF THE COURSE OF DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING.

4. FYI. WITH REGARD TO THE SPECIFICS OF YOUR DRAFT LANGUAGE, WHILE WE SEE MAJOR ROLE FOR NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES IN BOTH IDENTIFICATION OF KEY CRITICAL AREAS AND IN PREPARATION OF RELATED PROGRAMS, IT IS GOING TO BE IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN INVOLVEMENT OF NATIONS IN PREPARATION OF LONG-TERM PLAN. THEREFORE, DECISION ON KEY CRITICAL AREAS SHOULD BE TAKEN AT DPC LEVEL, BASED ON INPUTS FROM NATIONS AND NMAS, AND STANDING NATO CIVILIAN COMMITTEES OR AGENCIES MAY BE CALLED UPON TO PLAY IMPORTANT ROLES IN DEVELOPMENT OF PROGRAMS, ACCORDING TO THE SUBJECT OF THE PROGRAM CONCERNED. END FYI.

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